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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of William "Bill" Garth Sr., who passed away on September 23, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, William Garth Sr. was born to Tom Sr. and Winnie M. Garth in Alabama on December 14, 1937; while young, he was a member of New Bethlehem Baptist Church; and

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WHEREAS, William Garth Sr. moved to Chicago and began working as an advertising salesman for the Chicago Citizen Newspaper Group, gaining recognition as a master salesman; he later purchased the Chicago Citizen, making it the largest black-owned ABC audited newspaper in the Midwest; and

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WHEREAS, William Garth Sr. established a not-for-profit foundation known as the Quentis B. Foundation in memory of his late son, Quentis B. Garth; he served as Chairman for the organization, which has provided \$1 million in scholarship awards to disenfranchised inner city youth in the community; he lead the Chatham Business Association, which offers business resources and customized services and programs; and

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WHEREAS, William Garth Sr. was Region III Advertising Representative and a former President of Midwest Region III of

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1 the National Newspaper Publishers Association; he was the first
2 African American elected President of the Illinois Press
3 Association; he sat on the Board of Government Affairs
4 Committee, serving more than 15 years; he was elected
5 stockholder and Chairman of the Cook County Publishers
6 Association and was a board member of the Midwest Black
7 Publishers Association; and

8 WHEREAS, William Garth Sr. was preceded in death by his
9 first wife, Roseanne J. Malan, and his son, Quentis B. Garth;
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11 WHEREAS, William Garth Sr. is survived by his wife, Brenda
12 Mathis; his son, Darrell; his daughter, Janice; the six Mathis
13 children; 20 Mathis family grandchildren; and 24 Mathis family
14 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Geraldine Burgess, Orangie
15 Garth, and Charlie Garth; his brothers, X. Rashid, Robert Garth
16 Sr., Roosevelt Garth, Jessie Garth, Larry, Joseph Garth,
17 Richard Garth, and Steven Garth; his granddaughters, Quinira
18 and Savannah Garth; his great-granddaughters, Armonee, Aniyym,
19 Aalina, and Arionna; his great-grandsons, Jeremy, Jaelyn,
20 Shannon, and Jeron; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; The
21 Citizens News Family; and numerous other family and friends;
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 mourn the passing of William Garth Sr., and extend our sincere
3 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
4 him; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of William Garth Sr. as an expression
7 of our deepest sympathy.